

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #80-4 Building Date: 1883  
Building Name: Fort Foote School (Old Commercial Building)  
Location: 8400 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The old Fort Foote School building at 8400 Oxon Hill Road is set on a town lot, just south of the road. It is rectangular in plan, two-and-one-half-stories tall, aluminum sided with a steeply pitched gable roof covered with asphalt shingle. An interior brick chimney at the gable ridge is centered in the building. The north gable end has a central entrance with a modern door, plain wood lintel and wood surround with banded molding. A large, modern 12-light window is west of the door on the first story. There is a wide boxed cornice with overhanging eaves. The east and west facades are unfenestrated. There is a brick foundation. A shed roof, cement block one-story addition across the south facade was a porch that has been enclosed.

Significance:

The Fort Foote School property was acquired by the Board of County School Commissioners in 1883. The school was probably built soon thereafter. The building appears on the 1894 Hopkins Map of the Vicinity of Washington, D.C. It was used as a school until 1926, when the property was sold and the pupils transferred to Oxon Hill Consolidated School. The building has been significantly altered on the exterior and interior. The school was two stories, the lower floor for the early grades and the upper floor for grades five through nine. The interior had vertical wood wainscoting, some of which remains. The wooden door and window surrounds were banded, with bull's eye corner blocks. The exterior was German sided, with a central entrance on the north gable end, of double doors with a transom. The building was three by four bays, with 6/6 double hung sash windows on both stories. After 1926 the building had varied uses. It was in bad repair when the present owner acquired it in 1963. It has been covered with aluminum siding and renovated inside for use as a storage warehouse.

Acreage: .68 acres

#8. Continued

3 "A TAG History of Old Fort Foote School," May 1983. Fort Foote Elementary School, Oxon Hill Road, Prince George's County, Maryland

4 Ibid.

5 Ibid.

6 Ibid.

Magi No.

DOE \_\_yes \_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Fort Foote School

and/or common Suburban Appliance Service Warehouse (Old Commercial Building)

### 2. Location

street &amp; number 8400 Oxon Hill Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Oxon Hill \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 4

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	___ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Midtown Appliance, Inc.

street &amp; number 8400 Oxon Hill Road \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.:

city, town Oxon Hill \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code MD. 20744

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ liber 3010

street &amp; number Main Street \_\_\_\_\_ folio 255

city, town Upper Marlboro, \_\_\_\_\_ state MD. 20772

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County, Maryland

date 1981 \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state ☒ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, \_\_\_\_\_ state MD. 20737

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #80-4

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old Fort Foote School building at 8400 Oxon Hill Road is set on a town lot, just south of the road. It is rectangular in plan, and approximately two-and-one-half-stories tall, with aluminum siding and a steeply pitched gable roof covered with asphalt shingle. There is an interior brick chimney at the gable ridge, approximately centered in the building.

The north gable end, facing Oxon Hill Road, has a central entrance with a modern door. The door has a plain wood lintel and a wood surround with banded molding. There is a large, modern 12-light window to the west of the door on the first story. There is a louvered rectangular opening centered in the gable end. There is a wide boxed cornice on the east and west sides of the building, and overhanging eaves.

The east and west sides of the structure are unfenestrated. A brick foundation is visible below the aluminum siding. The south side of the building has a shed roof, cement block one-story addition across the facade. This was a porch that has been enclosed, according to the owner. It has a poured cement floor.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #80-4

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				Local History

Specific dates 1883

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Fort Foote School property was acquired by the Board of County School Commissioners in 1883.<sup>1</sup> The school building was probably built soon thereafter. The building appears on the 1894 Hopkins Map of the Vicinity of Washington, D.C. It was used as a school until some time shortly before 1926, when the property was sold by the Board of Education and the pupils transferred to Oxon Hill Consolidated School.<sup>2</sup>

The building has been significantly altered on the exterior and interior but it is possible to determine its early appearance, based on historic photographs, oral history and remaining architectural details. The school was two stories, with the lower floor for the elementary grades and the upper floor for grades five through nine.<sup>3</sup> The interior had vertical wood wainscoting, some of which still remains. The wooden door and window surrounds were banded, with bull's eye corner blocks. There was a north and south stairway to the second floor. The exterior was German sided. There was a central entrance on the north gable end, with double doors surmounted by a transom.<sup>4</sup> The facade was three by four bays, with 6/6 double hung sash windows on both stories.<sup>5</sup>

After 1926 the building was used at various times as part of a saw mill, and as a private residence.<sup>6</sup> It was in deteriorated condition when the present commercial concern acquired it in 1963. The present owner covered the exterior with aluminum siding and renovated the inside for use as a storage warehouse.

### Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Land Records of Prince George's County, JWB #2:376.

<sup>2</sup> Minutes of the Board of School Commissioners, January 8, 1924.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes, #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .68 acres

Tax Map 113 F-1 p 23

Quadrangle name Alexandria I

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date July 1985street & number c/o M-NCPPC, County Planning Division  
County Administration Building telephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro state MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## Chain of Title

### Commercial Building P.G. #80-4

3010:255 7-28-1964 Deed	John A. and Florence F. Taylor to Midtown Appliance Inc., for \$10 grantor conveys a part of the old Fort Foote School property in Oxon Hill District. Beginning at pipe on east side of Broad Creek - Alexandria Road. It contains .71 acres according to a plat made by Millard Thorne, surveyor, 1940.
1020:323 3-19-1948 Deed	Dewey W. Jones and Rosetta Jones to John A. Taylor and Florence F. Taylor for \$10.00 grantor conveys a part of the old Fort Foote School property in Oxon Hill District, containing .71 acres according to plat - being all of the same property described in the deed from Laura V. Monroe to grantors, dated 2-26-1940, 540:473.
540:473 2-26-1940 Deed	Laura V. Monroe, Ella G. Kerby, and Mary C. Monroe of Washington, D.C. heirs of James O. Monroe, will dated 8-19-1890, to Dewey Jones and Rosetta Jones, for \$10.00 grantors convey a part of the land in the Oxon Hill District obtained under the will of James O. Monroe - the residue of the tract he obtained from the Board of Education of P.G. County on 1-12-1926, 244:192 containing .71 acre.
244:192 1-12-1926 Deed	Board of Education of P.G. County to James O. Monroe, for \$10.00 grantor conveys all that land obtained from James O. Brooke, trustee by deed dated 10-10-1883, JWB 2:376, containing 1 acre, being a part of the tract conveyed by James H.A. Middleton to James O. Brooke, Trustee for Frances and Mary Brooke by deed dated 12-2-1869, HB 2:879, a part of Rosier's Gift.
JWB 2:376 10-10-1883 Deed	James O. Brooke, trustee to Board of County School Commissioners, for \$100.00 grantor conveys part of the tract called Rosier's Gift, lying in Oxon Hill District, containing 1 acre, a part of the tract conveyed by James H.A. Middleton to said Brooke by deed dated 12-2-1869, HB 2:789.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Commercial Building

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Oxon Hill Road, near Arthur Drive

CITY, TOWN

Oxon Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES RESTRICTED  
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE



**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an unusually-large, frame building of two stories, with a full attic. It faces west on Oxon Hill Rd., and has a wide, three-bay gabled facade here. There is a central door with a transom. The structure is four bays deep, with four windows on the upper level and six openings on the lower. It is sheathed in German siding, and now has an asphalt shingle roof. Appears that some renovating is presently taking place.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Probably built ca. 1900. This is a most unusual building, that must have been used as a warehouse, grange hall, or school of some type.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

11/19/73

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

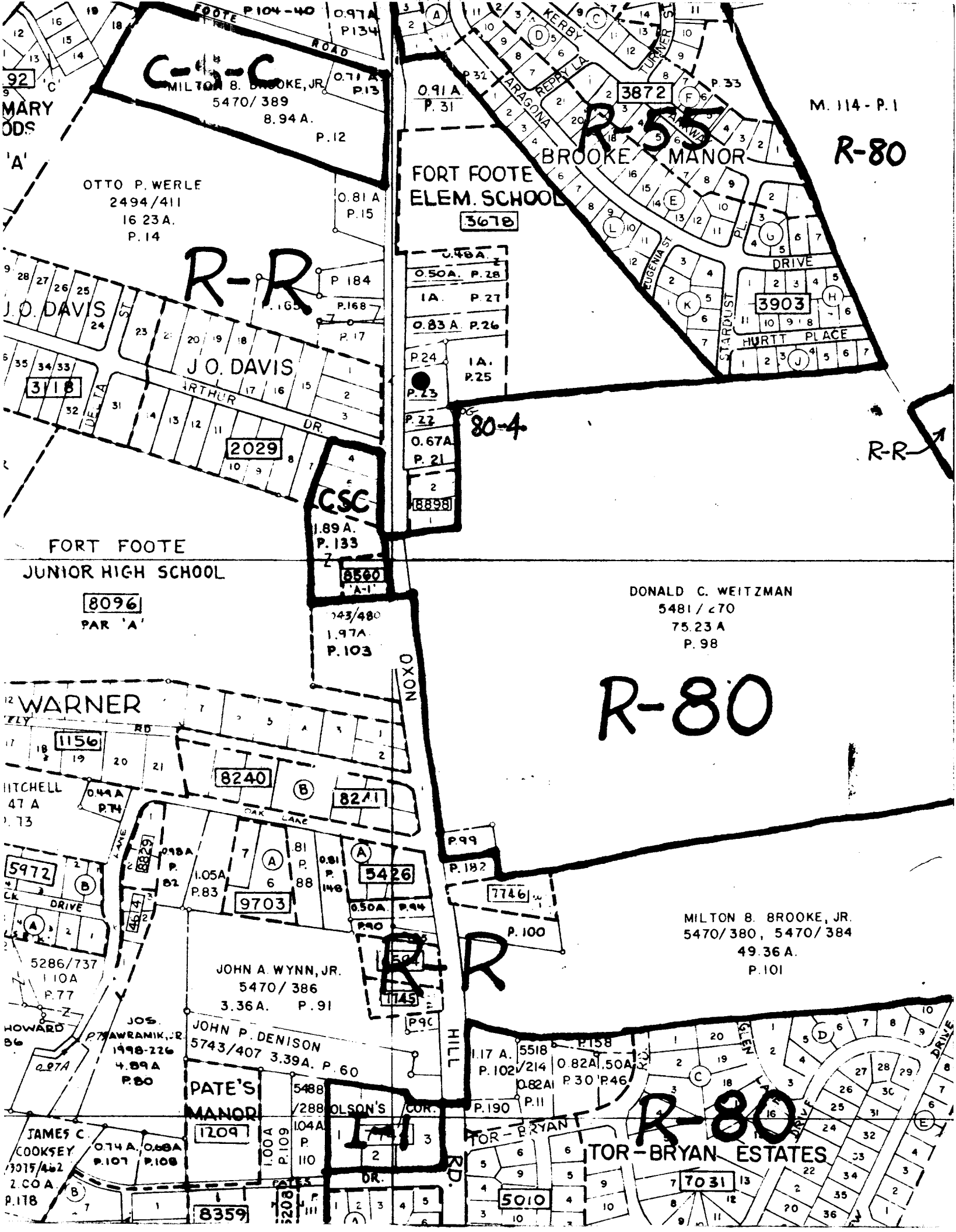
STATE

Maryland

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**C-C**  
MILTON B. BROOKE, JR.  
5470/389  
8.94 A.  
P.12

OTTO P. WERLE  
2494/411  
16.23 A.  
P.14

FORT FOOTE  
ELEM. SCHOOL  
3678

**R-55**  
BROOKE MANOR

M. 114 - P.1

**R-80**

**R-R**

J.O. DAVIS

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**80-4**

**R-R**

FORT FOOTE  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

8096  
PAR 'A'

DONALD C. WEITZMAN  
5481/270  
75.23 A.  
P.98

**R-80**

WARNER

8240

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JOHN A. WYNN, JR.  
5470/386  
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JOHN P. DENISON  
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PATE'S  
MANOR  
1209

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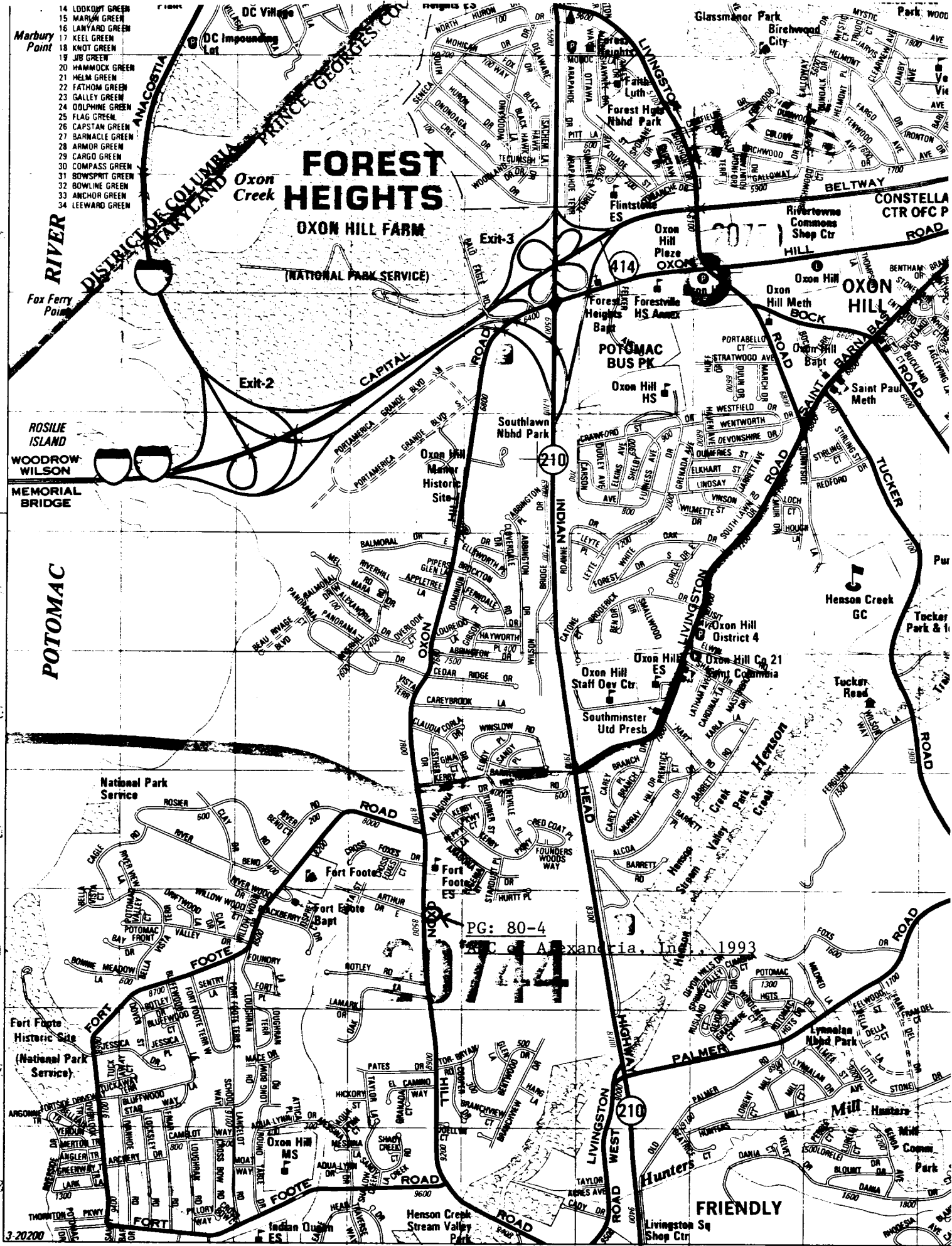
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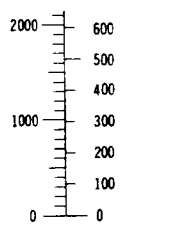
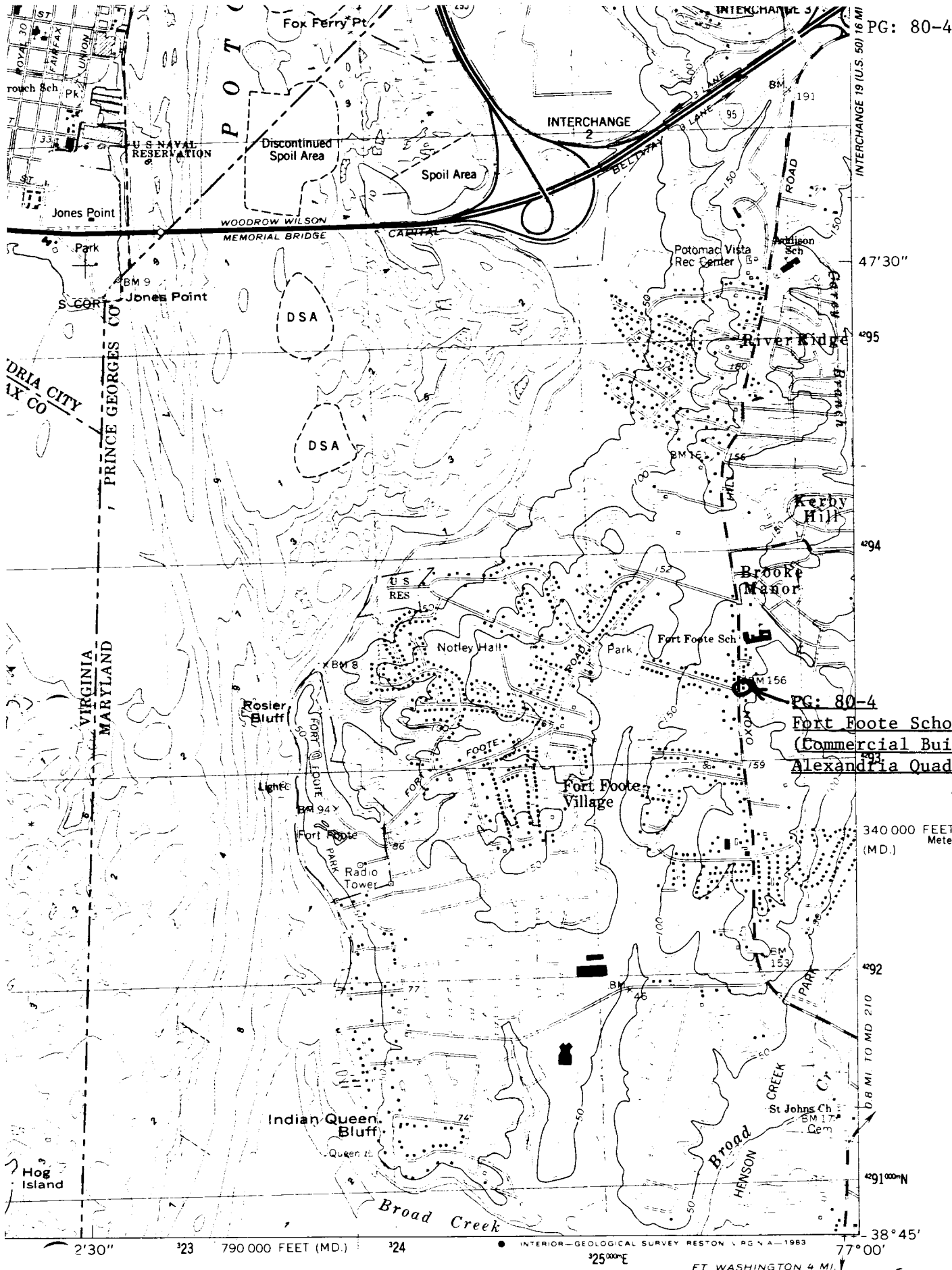
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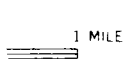
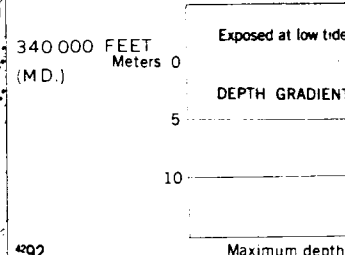


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3	.9144
4	1.2192
5	1.5240
6	1.8288
7	2.1336
8	2.4384
9	2.7432
10	3.0480

To convert feet to meters  
multiply by .3048

To convert meters to feet  
multiply by 3.2808

PG: 80-4  
Fort Foote School  
(Commercial Building)  
Alexandria Quad, 1965, PR  
1983



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	—————
○ Interstate Route	○ U. S. Route	○ State Route	

(PISCATAWAY 5667 III NC)



P.G. #80-4

Fort Foote School

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

June 1985

Northeast elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.





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Fort Foote School

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

June 1985

North elevation

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Fort Foote School

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

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West elevation

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NAME OLD STORE? SCHOOL? #80-4

LOCATION OXON HILL Rd OXON HILL, Md

FACADE NW

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